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## MIT, SJSU tops in meteorology

By Nami Yasue  
Daily Staff Writer

The meteorology department, one of the smallest departments at San Jose State University, recently earned recognition at a national competition.

"We finished second behind MIT," said Eugene Cordero, an assistant professor in the department. "We should've beaten them — we were very close."

The SJSU meteorology students won

second place as a team in the National Collegiate Weather Forecasting Contest, which ended this month.

In addition to the achievement by the students, Mike Voss, meteorology lecturer at SJSU, won first place in the forecasting competition. This is his second win in the last four years.

"I would say (it's) not as exciting as last time, but (it) still thrills me," Voss said.

The National Collegiate Weather Forecasting Contest has been organized

by Pennsylvania State University for 20 years. Meteorology students and faculty members at 39 participating universities in the United States competed to predict temperature and precipitation of 13 cities around the country, including San Francisco, from last September to April.

Cordero said Voss is an "exceptional" person. It is quite a challenge to win the contest with 1,000 well-educated competitors in the nation, he said.

"It could be argued he is one of the best forecasters in the country," Cordero

said. "He is one of our jewels in our department."

Cordero said Voss made the top 10 in the contest the last four years, and he doesn't know of anyone else winning first place twice.

The student team was made up of junior and senior students in the meteorology department, said Rebeca Torres, a junior meteorology major.

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## Bush, Kerry revving up campaigns

By Colin Kutch  
Daily Staff Writer

Republicans and Democrats are gearing up for battle as campaigning for the presidency heads into the final six months before the election.

"This is the most comprehensive Democratic campaign in the history of California," said Bob Mulholland, the campaign adviser to the California Democratic Party.

Mulholland said the party plans to carry out a "massive" voter registration recruitment on college campuses and in minority communities.

"College Democrats are going to be around in a big way," he said.

In addition to recruiting more Democrats, Mulholland said the party will host rallies, send direct mail, go door to door and make phone calls promoting John Kerry for president, starting in August.

On the other side of the spectrum, Bush-Cheney '04 Inc., which operates the official re-election Web site for President Bush, recently opened a Burbank office.

"We're in the middle of a huge push for president," said Camile Anderson, the California communications director for Bush-Cheney '04 Inc. "We're up to our eyeballs."

She said she didn't know when President Bush plans to visit the Bay Area but was "fairly sure" he'd make a trip to Northern California.

"We just opened our office," she said. "We're nowhere near ready."

Patrick Galvin, the media relations committee chair for a grass roots fund-raising collective called East Bay Kerry, said the group has more than 1,300 members in the East Bay. He said there are approximately 4,000 supporters of the "Kerry for California" community in the Bay Area alone.

The group's goals, he said, are increasing awareness of John Kerry and collecting donations for his nationwide campaign.

Galvin said he thinks Kerry will win California's electoral votes but said the Democratic Party can't afford to take it for granted.

"The grass roots campaign is critical," he said. "To think that every vote doesn't count doesn't make any sense after Florida."

Ken Mehlman, the campaign manager for Bush-Cheney '04 Inc., said in a press release that the Bush campaign plans to run television ads focusing on the president's steady leadership, while exposing Kerry's "doublespeak."

Additionally, Mehlman said on April 29, vice president Dick Cheney took part in a nationwide conference call promoting "National Party for the President Day."

Laura Capps, the California communications director for the Kerry campaign, said in a press release that Kerry is planning television ads in key markets, including California, focusing on Kerry's "commitment to create jobs, protect a woman's right to choose and (ensure) a healthy environment."

## Hoppin' on the shoe taxi ...



Nicholas R. Wright / Daily Staff

Ned Pajic, an international business major, reaches down to pet a fearless young squirrel who nonchalantly jumped up on Pajic's shoe as he was walking to class Tuesday morning. After a few strokes on the head, the squirrel bounded for some shrubs beside the walkway.

## Staff cuts, PeopleSoft causing registrar delays

By Theresa Smith  
Daily Staff Writer

Retrieving documents from the Academic Services at San Jose State University has been difficult and at times a disservice, according to some students and alumni of the university.

Frank Wada, director of registrar services, said that because of a cut in staff, the workload has doubled, leaving current staff to take on leftover responsibilities. Also, the use of the new PeopleSoft system is creating more of a delay in processing documents.

"We have staff here working as many hours as possible and handling other responsibilities," Wada said.

Stacey Brown, an alumna of SJSU, said she requested her transcripts via overnight mail roughly three weeks ago, so she could submit them to Foothill College for a program that offers certifications in radiation therapy. While the registrar services Web site said it would take less than two weeks, Brown said she was later told it would take 10 weeks for her to receive her official transcripts. The deadline at Foothill is May 1.

"At the time, I thought I would receive my transcripts, the clerk told me they hadn't even processed my request," Brown said. "It may take longer than 10 weeks now."

She said the registrar's office should maintain some form of communication with students regarding the processing of their

documents.

"They still have 10 (business) days posted on the Web site, so students think it takes that long," Brown said. "If they knew they had a backlog, why didn't they post it on their Web site?"

According to the registrar services Web site, it takes seven to 10 business days to process transcripts, and those requests received after Dec. 15 can take up to six weeks to process. The reasoning behind the extension is fall grade processing and winter break. The Web site also notes there is no rush service on transcripts. Overall, the Web site suggests students should allow up to six weeks for processing.

"There are cuts all across the board. De Anza, San Francisco State, Evergreen — every place, you can go and they find a way to help you," Brown said. "I think it's the overall philosophy of the department. There is no accountability in those offices."

She said people gave her the runaround, passing her on to different administrative representatives.

Because of the mix-up, Brown said she might not be able to start at Foothill in the fall, which means she will have to wait until next year.

"This program is really important to me, and now I am out one whole year," Brown said. "Every other college has a rush table,

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## Sorority hosts Relay for Life

Organizers of 24-hour walk hope to draw attention to cancer research

By Mari Sapina-Kerkhove  
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University students and community members are invited to symbolically walk in the shoes of a cancer patient for a 24-hour period during the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, scheduled to take place this weekend on campus.

"There is no finish line until there is a cure," said Dina Mistry, a junior nursing major and member of Sigma Theta Psi, the sorority responsible for bringing the event to SJSU's campus.

Mistry, chairwoman of the event, said the relay, which will take place in front of the Event Center from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday, is also symbolic of the fact that cancer patients live with the disease 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

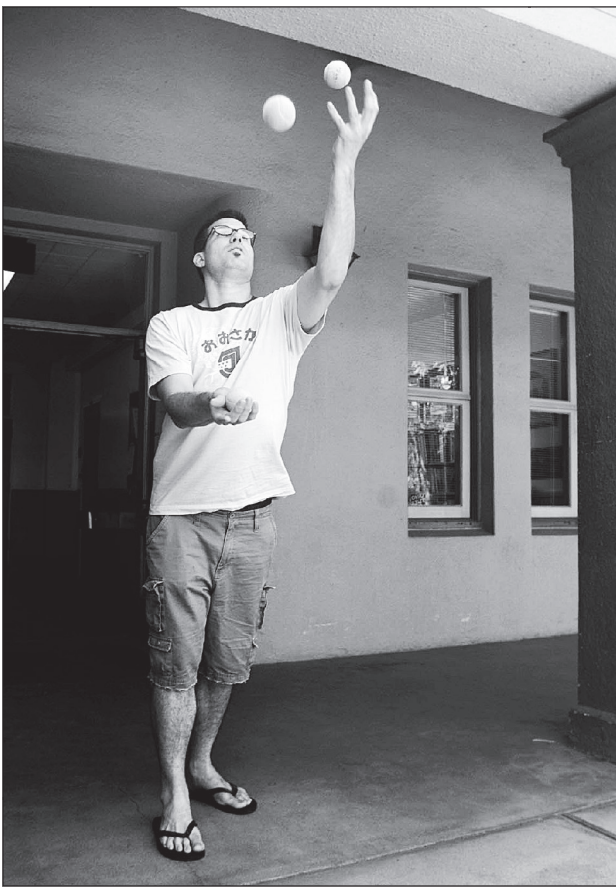
Adriana Jauregui, a senior political science major and Mistry's sorority sister, said participants in the relay form 10- to 15-member teams, the idea being that during the 24-hour period one team member always stays on the track, which will loop from the Event Center to the children's center to Spartan complex to Sweeney Hall and back.

The event includes much more than just walking, she said, referring to the fact that there will be live music as well as disc jockeys, food, a kids' corner and people camping out on the grassy part of the Seventh Street barbecue area.

This is the second year the Relay for Life — an annual event the American Cancer Society sponsors in numerous national and international

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## Gone jugglin'



Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

Brian Kuhn, a senior in human performance, attempts to juggle tennis balls during his motor learning class Tuesday afternoon in the Spartan Complex quad area. The juggling activity was for a "whole part learning" exercise.

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RELOADING

# Random encounters take us back to better days

“Ron? Hi, how are you?”  
Blank stare on my face.  
“Ron Pangrac, right?”  
“Yeah ... Do I know you?”  
“It’s Lily.”  
Blank stare on my face.  
“Lily Jang. Actually, now it’s Lily cfjda.”  
Whatever last name she says doesn’t stick in my mind, but at least a light is slowly starting to dawn.  
“Oh ... oh, yeah ... Wow. I’m sorry I didn’t recognize you. How are you doing?”  
How long has it been? Ten, 15 years? I’m amazed she even recognized me.  
We stand in the Albertson’s parking lot and visit for a few minutes. The blanks are filling in — some from my memory, others from our conversation.  
We had both worked in accounting at a company in Palo Alto. I was in accounts payable. Lily was in ... one of the other accounting groups.  
I find out she’s now married and has two daughters in elementary school.  
I ask about some of the other people we had worked with in accounting. It’s been years since she’s seen any of them, same as me.  
Pretty quickly, the conversation ebbs, and we say goodbye. She goes into the store, and I head for my car.  
Just another instance of crossing paths with someone I knew years before.  
These occur randomly (of course), but the older I get, the more frequently they happen. It’s partly a function of making more and more acquaintances over time.

Moments like these have their upsides. When looking back at the situation you had shared with the person — be it school, work or whatever — you tend to recall the good parts, the good times more than any bad things that may have occurred. (Unless, of course, it’s a person you had been in conflict with.)  
It’s also nice to catch up on what each other has been doing and to find out about other people they may have seen in the time since.  
But these moments have an awkwardness to them, too.  
One reason is that your lives have gone in different directions and there might not be much to talk about other than the recollections.  
This is compounded when it’s a person you didn’t spend that much time with anyway.  
If you were reasonably close, you may want to take more time getting reacquainted. But if you only knew them casually, there isn’t as much to talk about.  
Nonetheless, we appreciate making the connection.  
Our lives get so hectic that often we don’t have enough time to spend with current friends, let alone time to keep in touch with those we don’t see regularly. When one of these moments occurs, it temporarily suspends our busy day. We get to go back to a time that surely had its stresses, but nothing like what’s going on right now. It’s a nice, little escape recalling the way things were.  
Not only that, but the person becomes a representative

of everyone we knew back then.  
As I drove out of the Albertson’s parking lot, I thought about Barbara, my all-time favorite supervisor, and Larry, who always looked classy in his double-breasted suits, the only kind he owned, and Jackie — man, she was hot. I wonder what ever happened to her. That’s right, she moved to Southern California.  
When these moments occur, you realize how little the people in your life today know about those folks or that part of your life.  
These moments can occur anytime.  
Company Christmas party, 1997. The bartender is a guy I went to school with. I had worked on a play in high school with Eric’s older sister. A few years after that, I had worked at a bank for his younger sister.  
I spent part of the evening reminiscing with him about social studies in 7th grade and German in high school, finding out about his sisters’ lives and learning about his attempts to become a screenwriter.  
These moments can occur anyplace.  
A few weeks ago, I’m entering a bathroom in Spartan Complex East. Suddenly, someone says, “Mr. Pangrac, hi.” Who on campus calls me Mr. Pangrac?  
Lo and behold, it’s Tim, who had been in Boy Scouts with my sons. He was a year ahead of my oldest son.  
We talk for a few minutes. I learn he’s in his final semester here. I tell him I’m taking classes and working on a career change. Pretty soon, the conversation ends and we



RON PANGRAC

go our separate ways.  
I’m glad, though, that we crossed paths. It leaves me with a nice feeling — who knows when I’ll see him again?  
Unfortunately, you can never be sure when you will run into someone again.  
In 1998, I visited my sister in east Texas, where she lives. We drove out to New Orleans for Mardi Gras.  
Tuesday morning, we were wandering through the crowd along a parade route. Suddenly, Bev said, “Look, it’s John.”  
At first, I figured it was someone she knew from Texas, but no, it’s our uncle from Los Gatos. It turned out one of the suppliers for his small business had arranged a business conference to coincide with Mardi Gras.  
I would see John pretty frequently at church, but Bev hadn’t seen him in a few years. The three of us spent a little while talking before John had to meet with some people.  
Bev was happy we had that fluke encounter.  
She became grateful for it two years later, when John died from a brain tumor. That was the last time she had seen him.  
I would like to take the time to come up with a nice, little summation for this column, but this last story reminds me that I need to go make some phone calls.

Ron Pangrac is the Spartan Daily copy editor. “Reloading” appears every Friday.

## STUPID PILLS | AIDAN CASSERLY



## SPARTA GUIDE

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### TODAY

School of Art and Design  
Student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Design buildings. For more information, call the gallery office 924-4330.

School of Music and Dance  
The School of Music and Dance presents Company One in a two-act double feature at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in SPX 219. For more information, call 924-5041.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry  
Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

San Jose State University Police Department  
A campus emergency response team training will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the UPD building. For more information, call Lt. Coker at 924-2173.

Sigma Pi  
“Sigma Pi Looza” will take place from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 pre-sale and \$5 at the door. Proceeds go to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. For more information, call Roger Pries at 839-1485.

### SATURDAY

School of Music and Dance  
The School of Music and Dance presents Company One in a two-act double feature at

10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in SPX 219. For more information, call 924-5041.

Pride of the Pacific Islands  
The fourth annual Polynesian luau will be held in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 924-2221.

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Golden Key International Honors Society  
A sophomore recognition barbecue will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez barbecue pits. For more information, call Dave Becker at 813-5301.

Culture Heritage Center  
A reception will be held for PG & E and artist Marcela Ostrovsky from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, room 525. For more information, call the Cultural Heritage Center at 808-2645.

Pride of the Pacific Islands  
Polynesian Dance Practice will be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in SPX 75. For more information call 924-2221.

## FLOWER CHILD

# How do we learn what to ask about war?

Some people thrive on the simple use of the cliché during the time of war.  
“They got us first.”  
“Now we need to get them.”  
After constant use, many phrases do emerge successfully from redundancy, from overuse or for the lack of having the right words to describe why people really don’t need war.  
Similarly used phrases become more believable when debating the purpose of war with a group of like thinkers.  
The turn of a phrase can make people feel more comfortable that they are understood.  
It can also make sense of an unclear situation that is difficult to describe.  
Others believe that the cliché is something to avoid like the plague when describing something too complex, such as war.  
Perhaps that’s why we really do need to understand more about the treaties that the world uses today.  
While conducting a library database search, I happened to find an article about communication in warfare and how to inquire about information about a possible intruder.

It described how Navy researchers have examined one of the most simplified decision-making processes around.  
For example, asking a specific question might appear to be simple enough, but the military has defined a subtle use of questions that are asked of an intruder during a war at a military base or at a critical moment.  
“Halt, who goes there?” is considered a good start. Everyone knows what that means. It’s nothing cryptic or unclear.

It isn’t hard to imagine who might be saying it, where the speaker is located or what the speaker means.  
It could be a young man or woman who is guarding a military base or post.  
“Friend or foe?” is what the intruder would hear next.  
This one means that conflict should be avoided when instructions are simple and direct.

But people tend to shun the cliché for risk of sounding too simplistic during an further conversation about war.  
Conflict resolution in different countries tends to be more stressful when peaceful applications no longer work or when a simple cliché doesn’t make sense anymore.  
Short and simple statements of three words or less make life easier to navigate in a particular environment where two or more people are speaking.

The person who would be in a situation to reply to the second question might have to do some thinking to themselves without taking too much time.  
Perhaps because of indecisiveness, evasive answers emerge as an answer when the response is a cliché.  
“What is your name, rank and serial number?” is the next question when an intruder appears to be less decisive.

Actually, on a daily basis, this is now more information than most people need to know in order to have a comfortable work, learning or interesting conversation about the topic at hand.  
Who are you, what are you doing, where are you going, when do you think you will be doing something other than what you say, and why are you going there?

I’m a peaceful person.  
I don’t think that Americans like war or war-like behavior.



JANINE STANHOPE

Just let sleeping dogs lie and leave well enough alone.  
But peaceful people look to conflict resolution as a way to resolving critical problems before they get out of hand — so to speak. No pun intended.  
For example, who on this green planet Earth would want to develop biological weapons, and why?  
How do we know?  
Is it important to ask?  
Yes, it is very important to ask and to adhere to a treaty that defines how these simple questions must be asked about a lot of complex questions.

For example, the prohibition on use of biological weapons is included in the 1925 Geneva Protocol.

The Harvard Sussex Program on CBW Armament and Arms Limitation defines the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC) as a prohibition of the “development, production, stockpiling and acquisition of these weapons.”

The BWC is described as the “first international treaty to ban an entire class of weapons.”

The list of countries that signed the treaty went to 144 in June 2000, including the United States and the Russian Federation. It also includes the “five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, plus 18 signatory states.”

“The general purpose criterion that the treaty uses to define its scope” is the “device whereby peaceful applications of pathogens (for example in vaccine production) are not obstructed.”

“Weapons, equipment or means of delivery designed to use such agents or toxins for hostile purposes or in armed conflict” are described as reason to believe in a global-community demand for disarmament provisions.

Otherwise, “no harm, no foul.”  
I think that’s a basketball term.

The next step in the protocol of developing a conversation about biological weapons is that countries are asked to “exchange” the findings from their research about biological agents and toxins for peaceful purposes.

The BWC then calls for “confidence-building data-exchanges” along with “verification measures.”

If a county is then determined to be in violation, the BWC authorizes “an international mechanism for compliance monitoring and transparency mechanisms.”

Without this exchange, the BWC allows for the “modalities for amendment, review conference, withdrawal, entry into force and disposal.”

Perhaps that’s why President Kennedy narrowed the limitation of all nuclear weapons testing to the phrase of “first use” in his nuclear treaty description.

“First use” has now become an excellent cliché that we must not avoid.

Otherwise, “what we don’t know won’t hurt us” will be the wrong answer.

The use of a cliché might actually count when talking about warfare, how to inquire about how all the new nuclear weapon states are testing their weapons and the concept of “first use.”

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# SJSU loses game one pitching duel 1-0, offense goes silent in game two, 5-0

By Michelle Ochoa  
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University softball team lost both games Thursday in a doubleheader with rival No. 14 Fresno State University. The first game ended 1-0 and game two 5-0.

"I gotta believe we had the right people up and down the lineup," said SJSU head coach Dee Dee Enabenter about SJSU's lineup. "Hit-wise, in the first game we had our opportunity. It just didn't happen."

Game one remained scoreless until the sixth inning, when Fresno first baseman Shasta Lewis scored on a single by catcher Nichole Willis.

In the third inning, SJSU had the bases loaded but was unable to get the final hit to bring someone in.

In the fourth inning, with two runners in scoring position and one out, the Spartans failed to score their first run.

"We had our opportunity and couldn't get one across," said Enabenter.

In the seventh inning, SJSU third baseman Megan Delgado made her way to third. However, Courtney Lewis flew out to center field, ending the first game.

Spartan starting pitcher Carol Forbes had taken a no-hitter into the sixth inning before Fresno struck for the lone run of the game. Forbes pitched a complete game, giving up three hits and one earned run.

"I don't really pay attention to the hits," said Forbes. "It's if they don't score."

Game two started out with Fresno scoring twice in the first inning.

With the bases loaded, right fielder Lori Hoffman singled to score shortstop Christina Clark. Designated player Jamie Southern later scored on a fielder's choice.

Fresno had two runners on base in the third inning, but third baseman



Daniel A. Miranda / Daily Staff

**San Jose State University third baseman Megan Delgado forces out Fresno State University catcher Nichole Willis as she slides into third base while Fresno outfielder Mitzi Ing (foreground) runs to first base Thursday at SJSU Field. SJSU was swept by Fresno State in the doubleheader 1-0 and 5-0. The Spartan's next game is Saturday versus the University of Nevada-Reno at noon at SJSU Field.**

Veronica Green grounded out to end the inning.

In the fourth inning, an injury was suffered by SJSU's first baseman, Lindsey Allen, when Fresno's Rachael Donaldson ran into Allen at the end of the first play.

"As soon as she hit my arm, I felt a rip," Allen said after the game about her left shoulder.

Allen said she had surgery to the shoulder last year but plans to rest up and play in the upcoming Saturday game. She was replaced by Jessica Guillen.

In the fifth inning, Fresno had two more runners on but didn't score. SJSU traded out pitcher Carol Forbes, who had been in since the first game, with pitcher Kelli McCollister. According to Forbes, that was a common strategy the team has used for other games.

SJSU escaped the inning without being scored against when second baseman Leticia Pacheco grounded out to second base.

In the sixth inning, Fresno scored two more runs when Willis singled to drive in Clark and Lewis.

In the seventh inning, Fresno's

Mitzi Ing scored the final run of the game, while SJSU had another hitless inning.

SJSU managed just one hit in the game, when second baseman Danielle Eakins hit a single.

"You can't be emotional to a point where you can't focus," Enabenter said about the overall outcome of the second game after losing such a close battle earlier.

The Spartans will play a doubleheader against the University of Nevada-Reno at noon on Saturday at SJSU Field.

# Eighth-seeded water polo gears up for tough MPSF

By Daniel DeBolt  
Daily Staff Writer

The women's water polo team will be traveling to the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base in Southern California this weekend, where some of the best teams in the nation will compete for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championship.

## PREVIEW

"It's very, very competitive in our conference," said Lou Tully, San Jose State University water polo coach.

The MPSF is made up of 12 teams from the Southwest and includes the top five teams in the country: USC, Stanford, UCLA, Long Beach State and San Diego State.

"I am excited to go down and play, because our team is really good," said junior team captain and two-meter set Laura Scott.

The Spartans will be entering the tournament eighth in the conference and 11th in the nation. They are scheduled to play UC Santa Barbara at 10 a.m. today.

Santa Barbara is currently in the ninth position for MPSF.

"Santa Barbara is coming off a big victory — they are going to be pretty pumped," Tully said. "We are really going to have to be ready to play them."

The Spartans defeated Santa Barbara on April 18, 6-4.

Scott said when the team does everything it is supposed to do, it is a force to be reckoned with.

"I want to go and demolish them (Santa Barbara), because I don't really like them," she said. "I think they are really grabby."

Scott is ranked 13th in the conference for scoring.

If the Spartans win against Santa Barbara, they will play USC, which is undefeated this year and is ranked first

in the nation.

"We had a good game with USC last time we played them," Tully said.

Katie Morgan, sophomore two-meter set for the Spartans, said she was looking forward to playing USC.

"I am excited to play USC. They are just my favorite team to play," she said.

Morgan said she was preparing to play against the two-meter set for USC, Moriah Van Norman, who is the second-ranked scorer in the conference.

Sophomore Beth Harberts said a broken hand would keep her from competing in the tournament.

Nevertheless, she said, "I am very confident in the way our team has been playing."

Morgan said she would be pleased if the team made it into the top five by the end of tournament.

"If we get under that, I would be stoked," she said.

Tully said the primary strategy for the team was to play great defense.

"You may struggle with offense," he said. "But the point is to stay in the game — that's basically it. Hopefully then, your offense will kick in and get going."

He said he wanted the team to be very aggressive against Santa Barbara from the beginning to "try and set a tone for the game and deny them every opportunity to do what they want to do."

Scott said playing as a team with strong defense was her priority as well.

"Our strategy is to take away passing lanes," she said, "to shut down their offense and generate our offense, so we can score."

Sophomore goalie Krissy Hansell said she hopes the Spartans stay in the tournament long enough to play USC.

"We are definitely gonna kick some ass," she said.



Carlen Veldpape / Daily Staff

**Abbey White, left, dives for the ball at the women's water polo practice on Wednesday afternoon. Monica Machado, right, is defending the goal.**

# Women's tennis prepares for WAC Championships this weekend

By Claudia Plascencia  
Daily Staff Writer

After a season of highs and lows the San Jose State University women's tennis team will face a big challenge at the Western Athletic Conference Championships this weekend.

## PREVIEW

Team members and coaches said they had a slow start because of injuries this season but they feel ready to compete in the championships, hosted by Rice University in Houston.

"I'm ready and the team's ready," said Courtney Koenigsfeld, a freshman and member of the women's tennis team. "I think we've been working really hard and our hard work is going to pay off."

Assistant coach Byron Nepomuceno said they had a couple of strong showings late in the season, including a 5-2 win over one of the tougher teams they've faced, the University of Nevada-Reno.

"We're fueled by the fact that we beat Reno, which over the years has dominated us," Nepomuceno said.

"As we go to WAC we're kind of reaching the peak of our game," Koenigsfeld said.

Nepomuceno said the team is also looking to avenge a 7-0 loss to the University of Hawai'i in their first game of the regular season.

He said the favorites at this year's championships are Fresno State University, Rice University, Boise State University and the University of Tulsa.

"Fresno over the years has been very strong," Nepomuceno said.

Head coach Anh Dao Nguyen said SJSU is the No. 8 seed out of 10 teams and will probably be playing against either Louisiana Tech University or Nevada in the first round.

"I hope we upset Fresno State which is the No. 1 seed," Nguyen said. "That's who we play if we win our first round."



Susan D. Reno / Daily Staff

**Senior Ana Lukner hits a backhand during women's tennis practice Wednesday afternoon. Lukner is the only graduating senior on the team this year. The team will end its season with the Western Athletic Conference Tournament, which begins Friday in Houston.**

The team is optimistic and some players said their season began to improve as the team became more familiar and comfortable with each

other.

Kathy Van, a junior, said the Spartans have tried to have more team bonding and support for each other.



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Music

*Thalia* will perform at 8 p.m. May 16 at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts. Ticket prices range from \$45 to \$75 and are available through Ticketmaster.

*MTV2 Headbangers Ball* presents Hatebreed, Damageplan and Drowning at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Fillmore in San Francisco. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call (415) 346-6000.

*Mary J. Blige* will perform at 6:30 p.m. on May 9 at the Chronicle Pavilion in Concord. Tickets are \$35 to \$70 and are available at Ticketmaster.

*Julio Iglesias* will perform at 7:30 p.m. on May 13 at the Flint Center in Cupertino. Tickets range from \$55 to \$85 and are available through Ticketmaster.

*A Perfect Circle* will perform at 7:30 p.m. on June 6 at San Jose State University Event Center. Tickets are \$32.50 and are available through Ticketmaster.

Plays

*"Hamlet"* will be performed starting at 7 p.m. April 30 at the University Theatre on campus and will run through May 5. Tickets range from \$10 to \$15 and are available at the Event Center Box Office and at the door. For more information, call (408) 924-4551.

'Mean Girls' works with SNL humor

By Carly Roden  
Daily Staff Writer

Complete with an elite clique of upper-class brats, a geek-turned-goddess heroine and a senior class stud, "Mean Girls" has all the symptoms of an annoyingly simplistic teeny-bopper tale — however, told with the comedic style of Saturday Night Live's Tina Fey, this film is smarter than the average satire.

REVIEW

Based on the book "Queen Bees and Wannabes," Fey delivers a screenplay wrought with all the biting wit and sarcasm of her SNL characters and sketches.

Raised in the wilderness of Africa by her zoologist parents, 15-year-old Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan) is well-versed in the laws of the jungle, but her survival skills come up short when her family moves to suburban Illinois and she is faced with a totally foreign beast — the terribly venomous high school girl.

Knowing nothing about popular music, fashion or slang, and clueless when it comes to the laws that govern lunchroom politics (wearing your hair in a ponytail more than once a week is grounds for expulsion from one's table), Cady's public-school career gets off to a rocky start.

Just when she finds refuge with an artsy outcast named Janis and her gay sidekick, Damian, the most popular girls in school, known as "the plastics," offer to adopt her and make her over.

While Cady would have been content to blow them off, Janis, hellbent on satisfying her eighth-grade grudge against the clique's leader, Regina, convinces her to infiltrate the crew on a gossip reconnaissance mission.

Unfortunately, Cady takes her alter ego too far and starts to become every bit as pretentious, backstabbing and shallow as the girls she sought to destroy.

Rather than trying to glean any powerful social messages from this flick, take it for what it's worth — a whole lot of belly laughs.

Teenage girls have been trampling each other's psyches



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures  
Lindsay Lohan plays the innocent-at-first character Cady in "Mean Girls," which opens today nationwide.

since the beginning of time, and "Mean Girls" doesn't claim, nor seek, to remedy the problem. It just highlights the ridiculous and pathetic lows they reach in the process.

Although one might cringe

when recalling antics like "three-way call attacks," it is pleasing to still sit smugly in the adult world, pointing an obviously mature finger while laughing, because after all, we're way past all that, right?

Hamilton's 'oh-so-sexy' voice combines variety of music

By Maria Villalobos  
Daily Staff Writer

Danny Hamilton's 2003 release, "Where Do I Fit In," is a pleasing blend of folk, blues, pop-rock and country, which will make his third album a quick sell.

REVIEW

Hamilton's music is reminiscent of John Cougar Mellencamp and Bruce Springsteen. The whole album is a fun, sweet-sounding success.

"Ace," the first single on the album, grabs the listener with Hamilton's raspy, oh-so-sexy voice and the sweet-sounding howls of his harmonica while Kalin Krum's bass thumps along.

Hamilton, singer and songwriter, was born and raised in Torrance and plays with band members Jeff Pitts on the drum, Ken LeBlanc on rhythm guitar, Krum on bass guitar and Russell Ali and Ismael Pineda on hand percussions.

The music has the right combination of slow and fast parts that will make the listener either kick back, relax and listen to the lyrics, or jump up and start dancing.

In Hamilton's press release, he describes his music as "different."

"It's a little rock, a little folk, a little blues and sometimes a little country ... we like to call it urban grass roots rock."

The album has a distinctive sound and style, which is attributed to the various instruments that accompany the band.

The violin, the piano and keyboards, the cello, an organ, native flutes and the harmonica, along with background vocals from the variety of other members playing these instruments, gives the album a unique and refreshing sound unlike most rock bands. Hamilton and his band play in the Southern California area, and the press release said they were nominated for "Independent Album of the year" at the 2003 Los Angeles Music Awards.

According to Hamilton's Web site, he taught himself how to play the guitar after experiencing a serious accident in the eighth

grade, which left him immobilized for months with broken bones, and soon after he began writing.

Hamilton's creative juices pour out through his words, many of which have significant meaning and parallel his life.

"Where Do I Fit In" has a constant theme throughout the album about not conforming to any certain norm.

"Melissa" is a soft melody with a nice beat sure to get any listener moving. This is one that will be on the radio.

Hamilton's lyrics to the title track shadow how he feels about his music and values:

"I can't write a song thinking / how much it'll make me baby / and I couldn't care less for material things ... I don't really care if I'm ever on the cover of Rolling Stone / I won't ever drive a Mercedes Benz / I've got somewhat of a different view on what it means to succeed / I agree with Emerson ... So where do I fit in?"

"Where Do I Fit In" is not only an excellent sounding compact disc with no gripes, but it's also the perfect album to show off Hamilton's talent.

Drink of the Week

By Colin Kutch  
Daily Staff Writer

If this week's hot weather has got you feeling a little fruity, a safari to the Banana Crepe, located in San Jose's Japantown, might be just what the doctor ordered.

One of the fruit bar's many nonalcoholic iced drinks is called the "Passion Fruit Boba."

The \$3 beverage is a sweet yellow-colored mixture of iced passion fruit juice and pearl-sized, maroon tapioca "Boba" balls. The balls (about 40 per clear plastic cup) are a flavorless gum-like gel, which give texture to an otherwise smooth drink.

Because of the sticky nature of the balls, the drink is only offered to those older than 3 years old; the balls may not fit through narrow throats.

For those unfamiliar with what passion fruit tastes like, imagine a mix of mango and peach with a bit of extra tartness.

With an oversized matching straw, it's perfect for sipping on a hot afternoon in the shade, rather than sucking down in a rush — unless you like the feeling of sticky balls lining the walls of your throat. Hey, everyone's a critic.

The Banana Crepe's atmosphere is that of fun and relaxation.

Plastic fruit lines the yellow-painted walls, along with faux palm trees. Plush monkeys appear to hang on for dear life, clinging to light fixtures.



Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

The Passion Fruit Boba can be purchased at the Banana Crepe, located at 248 Jackson St. It is made of passion fruit and tapioca balls, and costs \$3.

They have grins across their faces, so the situation can't possibly be that grim.

Aficionados of classic pop rock and oldies will appreciate the background music, with artists such as Vicki Sue Robinson ("Turn the Beat Around"), Stevie Nicks ("Edge of Seventeen") and Harry Chapin ("Cat's in the Hat") belting out the hits.

The menu is written on a chalkboard in vibrant colors and printed out next to the cashier for increased readability. They have a wide variety of smoothies, iced drinks and crepes, just like the fruit bar's name implies.

Fruit buffs may be pleased to know that, according to the California Rare Fruit Growers Inc. Web site, passion fruit is grown in the South Bay as well as Australia and Brazil.

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**By John Myers**  
*Daily Staff Writer*

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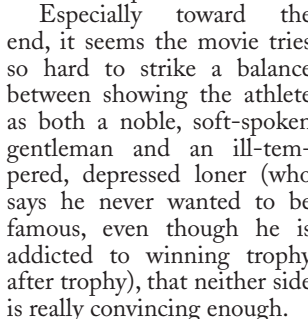
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As for the lip-syncing, first place and \$300 went to the brothers of Chi Rho Omicron, a Filipino-American fraternity. Alpha Phi Alpha took home \$200 and second place, while Alpha Kappa Omega, a multicultural fraternity originated in Filipino culture, won third place and \$100.

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locations — is taking place on SJSU's campus, said Jauregui, the event's public relations person.

With a total of about 400 participants and \$105,000 raised, last year's event on SJSU's campus was the second largest "baby relay" (first-time relay) in California, she said.

"I'm expecting the same crowd (this year)," said Mistry, who said she had the idea to cooperate more closely with the American Cancer Society two years ago because her sorority's philanthropy is breast cancer.

Mistry, who works in a hospital, said her job has confronted her with the fate of many cancer patients and made the disease very real for her.

The luminaria lap is the most inspirational part of the event, Mistry said.

Participants buy bags containing a candle, which is then lit at sundown and put alongside the track. Most participants write messages on those bags, either in memory of those who died from cancer or in honor of those who have survived the disease.

"It's a very, very emotional time of the day," she said. "You walk through (the candles) — it's heartwarming."

Mistry said the relay also honors cancer survivors who — cheered on by the crowd — kick off the event by walking the first lap.

Vashti Sinigayan, a senior majoring in health sciences, said this year is the first time she will participate in the relay.

As mission delivery chair, Sinigayan, who is an Alpha Phi Omega member, said she is responsible for informing walkers about cancer and its prevention.

While she doesn't have anyone in her immediate surroundings who has been diagnosed with the disease, Sinigayan said she has been around people who have cancer.

"(The cause) is close to my heart," she said. "It's a great way for us students to become more aware in the fight against cancer."

While Sigma Theta Psi has been the one organization to work directly with the American Cancer Society in bringing the relay to SJSU's campus, Mistry said there are numerous other campus and community organizations involved in preparing for the event.

Even though the preparation for

the relay has been long and work-intensive, it has been well worth it, Sinigayan said.

"We always want to provide service to a great organization such as the American Cancer Society," she said.

According to Angie Carrillo, marketing and communications director at the Campbell branch of the American Cancer Society, the Relay for Life was brought to life in 1985.

The relay has spread to 3,800 communities in the United States and to eight other countries, the American Cancer Society's Web site states.

"The Relay for Life is the world's largest fund-raiser," Carrillo said.

The "season" when communities hold their relays usually runs from April to August — other Bay Area relays include the Blossom Valley and Willow Glen relays on May 15, and one in Evergreen on June 12.

She said most of the money raised in the Relay for Life goes toward cancer research, specifically to young researchers who are in need of start-up funds.

Thirty-four of the scientists the American Cancer Society has sponsored since it started funding research in 1946 have won Nobel prizes, Carrillo said.

Besides funding research, Carrillo said the organization offers various other services, such as transportation to doctor's appointments and a 24-hour call center, which provides about 450 callers per day with information and referral services in California alone.

Carrillo said most people feel very overwhelmed when they hear that they or someone they care about has been diagnosed with cancer.

"It can get pretty tough when a loved one has cancer and you don't know what to say to them," she said.

Currently the most frequent types of cancer are breast, prostate, colon and lung cancer, Carrillo said.

Jauregui, who will participate in the relay for the first time this year, said that just about a month ago her uncle was diagnosed with skin cancer, while her aunt might have breast cancer.

"Now I have a new reason to be doing this," she said.

According to Mistry, people who are interested in volunteering or participating in Saturday's relay on campus are welcome to sign up on the day of the event. The recommended registration fee is \$150 per team.

TRANSCRIPTS | *Be prepared to wait 10 weeks, registrar warns*

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and SJSU doesn't even have that."

Wada said although the registrar's office doesn't offer rush services, they are looking into it. First though, they need to get through this current phase.

"We realize the importance of individuals that need their transcripts for their next career move," Wada said. "We are very, very sympathetic and sincere about getting those out."

Camille Picconatto, admissions counselor at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, said her department created a self-report transcript program, which is designed for applicants who did not receive their transcripts yet.

"They complete an online self-reported transcript with their school information, classes and grades," Picconatto said. "We trust that they are filling in accurate information."

Picconatto said the applications would still be reviewed, even though the transcript has not been received.

"It would not be detrimental to the applicant," she said. "We kind of worked our way around it."

Ann Dethlefsen, director of communications at Stanford Law School, said applications would not be reviewed if the applicant package were not complete.

"With most law schools, students usually have to send their transcripts to LSDAS (Law School Data Assembly Service) and they submit transcripts to the different colleges," she said.

The Web site for Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley notes that all applicants should send their transcripts to the Law School Data Assembly Service. They will send a copy of the transcripts to each law school students apply to, though each transcript sent must be accompanied by an Assembly Service request card,

which is available through the campus career center.

In addition to the backlog at registrar services, Admissions and Records may also be having a hard time keeping track of prospects' records.

Peter Holmes, a chiropractor in San Jose, said the SJSU admissions office misplaced his application and transcripts when he mailed them in to be reviewed and processed last August for the Fall 2004 semester.

"I applied for the fall by applying online, printing out my information and mailing it to San Jose State," Holmes said. "I have talked to four people, two on the phone and two in person, and then I was forwarded to another person."

Holmes said the fourth person he spoke with asked for his name and social security number and then forwarded him to an admission counselor, who then located his file.

"I asked if there was a walk-in counselor," Holmes said. "It's like you need a password to get to the right people."

Holmes said he was told his paperwork was done incorrectly.

"I was told that everyone who sent in a hard copy received a letter stating San Jose State doesn't accept hard copy applications, everything should be done online," he said.

"Nobody mailed me anything," Holmes said. "They kept harping on the fact that I did it wrong."

Holmes compared his trip to academic services to going to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"I stayed here two hours longer than I should have, but at least I took care of business," he said. "I want to major in kinesiology and was supposed to start in fall, but applications for the fall are closed."

Holmes, who recently graduated from New York Chiropractic College, said he plans to take courses through Open University until the spring semester.

FORECASTS | *NBC 11 meteorologist John Farley is an SJSU alumnus*

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Each student makes individual forecasts and turns in briefings every week.

Someone goes to the authorized location, looks up the weather map and informs everyone of the situation in the area every week, she said. Then, the team combines different briefings and comes up with a team forecast.

Jeff Gawrych, a graduate student studying meteorology, said in addition to Voss winning first place, the whole department did great as individuals. Two students, including himself, placed in the top 25, and most of the competing SJSU faculty members and students made the top 100.

This competition was a great opportunity to let the nation recognize SJSU, Gawrych said.

"People usually don't think of SJSU as (being in the) same category as MIT," he said.

The SJSU meteorology department is small, with only five full-time faculty members and 30 to 40 students, Cordero said. But SJSU is the only California State University with a meteorology department, and it has an excellent reputation.

Meteorology is the study of the atmosphere. It requires physics, mathematics, chemistry and computer science skills, according to the department brochure.

Meteorology covers many fields, such as the study of forecasting, climate, climate change and air pollution. Many meteorology students enter the forecasting field after they graduate, Cordero said.

Forecasting includes the prediction of weather for coming seasons, which is important to industries such as agriculture and energy, Cordero said. Energy companies must know well in advance about weather, especially summer patterns, to help make sure supply meets demand.

The skill of predicting the weather has been more

**“People usually don’t think of SJSU as being (in the) same category as MIT.”**

*– Jeff Gawrych, graduate student studying meteorology*

accurate with technological development, especially the continued improvement of computer models, Voss said.

"Computer science and meteorology are really integrated fields," Voss said. "In fact, meteorology is one of the primary drivers for computer science development."

Accuracy in forecasting is hard to quantify, and there is plenty of work to do, but it definitely has been improved, Voss said.

Three meteorology courses are offered for

general education credit at SJSU, and taking these courses helps students to predict the weather in general, Cordero said.

Although meteorology is an important field, it is not a popular major for several reasons, Cordero said. People in the Bay Area are not affected much by atmospheric changes, compared to some people in other parts of the United States. Also, because meteorology students must take the same amount of mathematics and physics as engineering majors, more students tend to go into the engineering field, with the expectation of making more money.

"Actually, right now, the meteorology field is excellent," Cordero said. "Meteorology is not such a big field, but still it's a growing field."


Some SJSU graduates work at airports and the National Weather Service, and jobs are available at institutions such as NASA and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

John Farley, a meteorologist at NBC 11, is an SJSU alumnus from the meteorology department, Cordero said. It is rare for meteorologists to be on TV, and probably 40 to 50 people support the one person behind.


Rebecca Waddington, a senior meteorology major, said she is fascinated by hurricanes, which are changeable and uncontrollable.

Waddington said she is satisfied with the personalized teaching from the instructors in the small department, and the students often collaborate with each other academically.

Graduate student Gawrych said, "It's small department, but people should know about it."




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